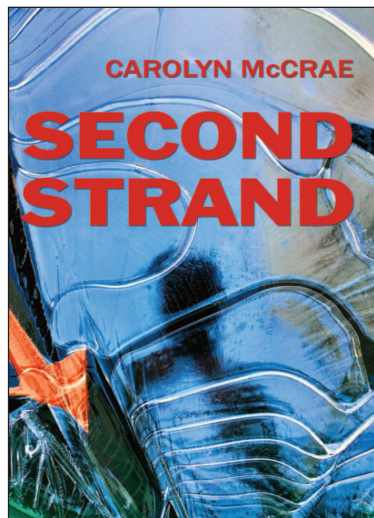




## SECOND STRAND

Award-winning author Carolyn McCrae leads readers through a gripping mystery in her 7th novel

Following the success of her previous titles, Devon author Carolyn McCrae is set to publish her 7th novel, *Second Strand*, a gripping and intelligent murder mystery. *Second Strand* follows Alex and Teri, a couple who are on the verge of breaking up after 12 years together. But when their elderly neighbour is found dying, their plans are put on hold. Two days later Alex, the police's only suspect in what is now a murder investigation, disappears without trace.

Speaking about the inspiration for her latest novel, Carolyn, whose first novel *The Last Dance* won the prestigious David St John Thomas Prize for Self-Published Fiction, explained, "When I finish writing a book I always feel sad that I have left those characters behind. Although the story in *Her Parents' Daughter* (Carolyn's 5th novel) ended satisfactorily I always thought there was more to tell."

Private investigators, hired by Teri, learn that Alex is the lost son of the victim but tracing the family's history proves to be more difficult than it should have been. If they are to find Alex, and establish his innocence, they must identify the connections between this killing and one, still unsolved, which took place in the same town two years earlier.

Carolyn goes on to add, "I had an idea for a follow on to *Her Parents' Daughter* which was to involve a related murder. But when my most recent book, *A Set of Lies*, introduced two historically savvy investigators operating in the same town at the same time it seemed obvious that they would have to be involved. Linking characters from two very different books has been great fun."

An ex-teacher, ex-office worker and ex-Archers listener, **CAROLYN MCCRAE** has lived in all the major locations in her latest book; Dartmouth (Devon), Yarmouth (Isle of Wight), Wingham (Kent) and Altea (Spain). A successful businesswoman, Carolyn is also an enthusiastic writer, having published six titles since 2006: *The Last Dance*, *Walking Alone*, *Runaways*, *Highly Unsuitable Girl* and *A Set of Lies* (all published by Matador) and *Her Parents' Daughter* (published by New Generation).



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